

**Massachusetts
Forest Land Enhancement Program**

**Cost-sharing Application
FLEP Practices 2-11**

Landowners: Please complete both pages and mail to:

Forest Stewardship Program
433 West St.
Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 256-1201

Landowner

Name _____
Mail Address _____

Daytime Phone _____
Evening Phone _____
Email _____

Soc. Sec. No. or T.I.N. (required) _____
(Indicate whose SSN)
Your Forester _____

Property

Town _____
Road _____
County _____
Case No. (from page 1 of plan) _____

Ownership Type

Please check all that apply to this ownership

____ Individual or joint ____ corporation or business
____ non-profit, land trust ____ conservation easement in place
____ non-profit, other ____ Stewardship Program
____ group or association ____ CH61 ____ CH61A ____ CH61B

FLEP# Code#		Units	Practice Description	For Program Use			
(see Mass. FLEP Practices sheet)				(ac/ft/etc)	(see Mass. FLEP practices sheet)	Qualified	Apprvd.
1 st Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Example	3	301	12 acres*	woodland thinning	_____	_____	_____

(*see reverse side for instructions for estimating units for practice code 301)

Important: Your plan must recommend each practice to be cost shared. Attach plan amendment pages to this application if needed.

Landowner Statement & Signature

I understand that a Stewardship Plan or joint Stewardship/CH61/CH61A qualifies me for any FLEP practices (2-11) that are recommended in the plan. A non-stewardship CH61/CH61A plan qualifies me only for FLEP practices 2, 3 and 5, and only if the practice(s) are recommended in the plan. I have attached plan amendment pages to this application for any practices not currently recommended in my plan. I understand that I will have 12 months to complete the practice. I agree to implement the practice(s) according to FLEP guidelines and will maintain the practice(s) for 10 years. If I fail to maintain the practice, I agree to repay the funds, pro rata, on the remaining balance of the 10 years. Extreme circumstances, such as windstorm damage, will not require repayment. I grant the State Forester's authorized representative access to the parcel for the purposes of inspection for the life of the contract. I will receive a 1099-misc form, which means that I will have to report the cost-share funds as income to the IRS.

Landowner signature _____ Date _____

Service Foresters: After reviewing the applicant's plan, please complete this section and "Units Qualified" above and return this form to the Forest Stewardship Program at 433 West St., Amherst, MA 01002. This office will notify the landowner and consultant of cost share approval decisions.

Approval

_____ I certify that this application meets the requirements of the MA Forest Land Enhancement Program

Comments _____

DCR Service Forester signature _____ Date _____

Disapproval

_____ Practice not recommended in the plan
_____ No funds available: keep on file

Cost Share Policies, Instructions, and Calculations

Federal rules for FLEP state that “the federal share of the total cost of implementing a practice shall be reduced by any gross revenue from any material sold as a result of the cost share practice.” Thus, any practice where the revenue derived from merchantable stems equals or exceeds the cost of treating the unmerchantable stems is not eligible for FLEP cost share. Here are two example situations: a patch cut for wildlife that includes some valuable trees, but also contains non-commercial stems; an intermediate thinning that involves removal of both commercial and non-commercial stems. Income from the material sold would offset the total cost, and only the net expense of completing the practice would be eligible for cost-share.

Please provide the following information for **each** practice that will involve cutting some merchantable trees (use extra sheets if necessary):

1. Practice code # and description: _____
2. Not including anticipated cost-share, completing this practice is expected to result in a net cost of \$ ____.
3. Estimated merchantable material: MBF _____ CDS _____ TON _____ CCF _____
(MBF = 1,000s of board feet, CDS = cords, TON = tons, CCF = 100s of cubic feet)
4. Explanatory notes (species to be harvested, condition, access, done in conjunction with a commercial harvest, etc.): _____

Special Instructions for Woodland Improvement Work: Practice Code 301

This practice now includes both “standard” pre-commercial timber stand improvement and improvement in older stands. However, in keeping with the policy above, only the net cost of treating an older stand will be cost shared. That is, there will only be cost share if the cost of the “improvement” portion of an intermediate thinning exceeds the revenue from the merchantable stems. Stems qualifying for cost sharing include all softwood pulp and small diameter hardwoods ≤ 7 ” dbh. Stems to be treated must be marked or prescribed by a licensed forester. Top wood from merchantable stems is not cost-shareable.

There are two options to estimate “acres” for improvement work. Option 1 is to use a straight estimate of acres. This method is most applicable to typical pre-commercial thinning with fairly uniform distribution of stems. The second option estimates trees to be removed and applies a conversion to arrive at acres (see formula and example in box), and may be used in situations where stem distribution is patchy or the area to be treated is irregular and hard to measure. Choose one of these options, fill in the blanks, and transfer # of acres to front page. The “final cost share earned” will be calculated using the option chosen.

☐ Option 1: acres to be treated _____ in stand # _____; acres _____ in stand # _____ Total acres _____

OR _____

☐ Option 2: softwood pulp _____ diam. inches / 1,000 = _____ acres
small dbh hardwood _____ diam. inches / 750 = _____ acres.
(< 7 ” dbh)

Total units to apply for = _____ acres in [(list stand(s)) _____]

Conversion Formulas:

(For use w/ option 2)

1000 diameter inches (d.i.)* of softwood pulp = 1 acre.

750 diameter inches of small dbh (≤ 7 ”) hardwood = 1 acre

*d.i. = sum of the diameters of the trees to be removed. Chart for converting tons, sq. ft., and cords to diameter inches available from DCR Service Foresters)

Example: A forester plans to improve a stand by treating scattered softwood pulp and small dbh hardwoods. In preparation for the job, the forester tallies 109 stems of 9” softwoods, 675 stems of 7” hardwoods, and 662 stems of 5” hardwoods. The cost share earned for this job would be:

Softwood pulp :	109 x 9” = 981 d.i. / 1000 =	1.0 “acre”
Small dbh hdwd :	675 x 7” = 4725 d.i. / 750 =	6.3 “acres”
“	662 x 5” = 3310 d.i. / 750 =	4.4 “acres”
		11.7 “acres” x \$82/ac. = \$959